

Opening, Call to Order, Roll Call, Approval of Agenda, Approval of Minutes

The April 20th State Board of Education meeting was called to order at 1:04 p.m. by President Gray. The following members of the State Board were present: Teri Quinn Gray, President; Nina Lou Bunting, Vice President; Gregory B. Coverdale, Jr.; G. Patrick Heffernan; and Dr. Terry M. Whittaker. Secretary of Education Susan S. Bunting was present to serve as the Executive Secretary for the State Board and the Board's Executive Director, Donna Johnson, was also present.

The agenda was approved as amended. A motion was made by Mrs. Bunting and seconded by Mr. Coverdale to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

The minutes of the Board's retreat of March 13, 2017 were distributed prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Coverdale to approve the minutes of the Board's retreat. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Bunting and carried by voice vote.

The minutes of the Board's special meeting of March 17, 2017 were distributed prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Dr. Whittaker to approve the minutes of the Board's special meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Coverdale and carried by voice vote.

The minutes of the Board's work session of March 23, 2017 were distributed prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Dr. Whittaker to approve the minutes of the Board's work session. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Bunting and carried by voice vote.

The minutes of the Board's regular meeting of March 23, 2017 were distributed prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Mrs. Bunting to approve the minutes of the Board's regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Whittaker and carried by voice vote.

The minutes of the Board's special meeting of April 11, 2017 were distributed prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Dr. Whittaker to approve the minutes of the Board's special meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Bunting and carried by voice vote.

Public Comment

One individual signed up to address the State Board during Public Comment. John Marinucci, Executive Director of the Delaware School Boards Association, commented that several DSBA members attended the National School Boards Association conference. DSBA is also participating in a panel discussion with the Christina School District on Board member roles and responsibilities as part of a candidate forum.

Committee Reports and Executive Director's Update

Board members highlighted their monthly activities. Dr. Whittaker, Mrs. Bunting and Mr. Coverdale attended the Board's special meetings and attended the meeting of the Joint Legislative

Oversight and Sunset Committee. Mr. Heffernan attended the CTE Special Committee meeting and indicated he would provide additional information later on the agenda.

Ms. Johnson highlighted a few of her recent activities including the special Board meetings and the JLOSC meeting as well as meetings of the House and Senate Education Committees. She assisted in presiding over the P-20 Council meeting, attended the Professional Standards Board meeting and the CTE Special Committee meeting of the State Board and co-chaired a committee on recruitment as well as serves on the Leadership Council of Teach Delaware. Ms. Johnson also was a presenter for a NASBE panel on its new policy tool, which is the insight dashboard. She also met with the president of ECS about ECS's policy forum and supports, resources available through our membership.

Dr. Gray highlighted her participation as the keynote speaker for Teen Sharp Family Day, her remarks to LEAD Delaware and her opening remarks for the Math Equity Conference and Summit, "Equity into Action."

In reference to the State Board's Literacy Campaign, Ms. Johnson stated that the Board is working with the United Way on its campaign for grade level reading. The Governor's Office has also expressed an interest in joining this campaign.

Revisions to State Board of Education Policies

Dr. Gray stated that the State Board has developed changes to its policies and submitted language to be considered for additional changes as part of the JLOSC review. The Board will meet with the JLOSC next week. She asked Ms. Johnson to review those responses and the actions taken. Ms. Johnson noted that the Board has been working with the JLOSC staff on draft statute changes including removal of a Board member; location and start time of board meetings; the addition of two non-voting Board members; and the Executive Director's job description. The revised job description and role and responsibility of the Executive Director was approved at the Board's special meeting on April 11, 2017. Discussion is continuing on the recommendation concerning public comment. Ms. Johnson reported that the Board has proceeded with the recommendation of the JLOSC on providing information to the public. The monthly highlights of the Board meeting and action of the Board will be sent to the State Librarian for distribution to all public libraries. This is in addition to the current distribution list. Following the July meeting, an information sheet will be sent out with the Board's meeting schedule and information on the Board members and how to contact them and the State Board office.

The Board at its April 11th meeting also approved the change to the procedures manual related to policy development. This addresses how the Board will take formal action on policy items and establish its public education positions. Dr. Gray noted that the Board discussed its Public Education Positions document at the last meeting and asked the Board to take action to adopt this document in alignment with its policy development procedure. A motion was made by Mr. Heffernan to adopt the Public Education Positions document. The motion was seconded by Mr. Coverdale and carried unanimously by voice vote.

Legislative Update

Ms. Johnson prepared for the Board an overview of the bills and resolutions. It contained information on each bill and the current status of the legislation. One column notes if the legislation is aligned to the Board's Public Education Positions and a final column for the Board's position. The Board would need to vote on its position.

The Board agreed that each piece of legislation needed a discussion by the State Board, and it was suggested that a special meeting be scheduled for that purpose.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Bunting stated that over 50 staff members worked on the ESSA plan and the final plan has been submitted. She thanked Karen Field Rogers and Amelia Hodges for their hard work. Dr. Bunting highlighted her visit to Laurel and several other school visits. She attended the statewide GEAR meeting that is addressing Government Efficiency and Accountability Review. Secretary Bunting co-chaired the P-20 Council meeting and attended today's press event on the new early childhood grant the State received.

State Perkins Plan

Chief Academic Officer Michael Watson and CTE Director Luke Rhine provided a review of the State Perkins Plan, which will be submitted on April 30th. Mr. Heffernan added that the CTE Subcommittee of the State Board of Education had met and reviewed the plan and recommended its approval. As the eligible agency and sole agency responsible for the supervision of administration of career and technical education for purposes of the Federal Carl D Perkins Act, the Board was asked to take action and approve the plan for submission. A motion was made by Mr. Heffernan to approve the State Perkins Plan as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Coverdale and carried unanimously by voice vote.

Educators as Catalysts Showcase of Innovation Rodel Teacher Council

Robin Howton, Sherlynn Aurelio and Tim Brewer shared with the Board the vision of the Rodel Teacher Council and its policy recommendations for personalized learning. The Teacher Council consists of 26 teachers representing traditional public schools, charter schools, vo-tech and higher education in all three counties of the state. Personalized learning school models and the role of educators in personalized learning were highlighted as well as personalized professional development. The Council presented the Board with recommendations on micro-credentialing, teacher of record, seat time rooted policies and standards for social and emotional learning.

The Board recessed from 2:41 p.m. to 2:53 p.m.

Dr. Gray explained that the Board would now be addressing the action items on its agenda.

Professional Standards Board

Chris Kenton, Executive Director of the Professional Standards Board, presented the agenda items for the Professional Standards Board.

Regulation 1507 Alternative Routes to Teacher Licensure and Certification Program – For Publication

This regulation shall apply to the Alternative Routes for Teacher Licensure and Certification Program, pursuant to 14 Del. C. §§1260 through 1264. It was necessary to review and amend this regulation to comply with Code changes based around Provisional Licensure. A motion was made by Mr. Heffernan to approve the publication of this regulation. The motion was seconded by Dr. Whittaker and carried unanimously by voice vote.

Regulation 1510 Issuance of Provisional and Initial Licenses – For Publication

This regulation shall apply to the issuance of a Provisional License for educators, pursuant to 14 Del. C. §1210, and an Initial License for educators, pursuant to 14 Del. C. §1210 14 Del. C. §1210A. It was necessary to review and amend this regulation to comply with Code changes based around Provisional Licensure. A motion was made by Dr. Whittaker to approve the publication of this regulation. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Bunting and carried unanimously by voice vote.

Regulation 1512 Issuance and Renewal of Advance License – For Action

This regulation shall apply to the Issuance and Renewal of an Advanced License, pursuant to 14 Del. C. § 1213 and 14 Del. C. § 1214. It is necessary to review and amend this regulation to comply with Code changes based around Provisional Licensure. A motion was made by Dr. Whittaker to approve amended Regulation 1512. The motion was seconded by Mr. Coverdale and carried unanimously by voice vote. The appropriate Order was signed.

Application for Renewal of Principal Preparation Program – Alternate Preparation Program for School Leadership – For Action

Shannon Holston highlighted the application for the renewal of the Principal Preparation Program, an alternate preparation program for school leadership. Outcomes of the program , and program modifications as well as successes and challenges of the program were presented. This program was initially approved in September 2015 with annual cohorts of up to 15 aspiring leaders. Pursuant to 14 DE Admin. Code 1595, a motion was made by Mr. Heffernan to recommend renewal of the Principal Preparation Program to the Secretary of Education. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Bunting and carried unanimously by voice vote.

Department Regulations

Dr. Susan Haberstroh presented the Department regulations before the Board today.

Regulation 932 –Military Connected Youth – For Action

Regulation 932 is being amended to expand and clarify the meaning of “Recently Retired” to include those individuals identified as disabled veterans and those killed in action. Specifically, this amendment is in response to inquiries received from those completing the form during the first year of implementation. A motion was made by Mr. Heffernan to approve Regulation 932, Military Connected Youth, as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Whittaker and carried unanimously by voice vote. The appropriate Order was signed.

Regulation 503 Instructional Program Requirements – For Discussion

This regulation is being amended to clarify instructional program requirements and to demonstrate alignment to adopted standards in each content area as adopted by the Department of Education. Action on the proposed amendments will be presented at the next State Board meeting.

Regulation 1009 DIAA – For Discussion

This regulation is being amended in consultation and cooperation with the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association. The regulation is being amended to add sections that specify the purpose of the transfer, passing work, and years of participation eligibility rules; clarify the transfer and years of participation rules as to eighth grade students who are eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at the high school level; organize existing sections of the transfer rule for clarity; change the time period for the subsection that allows a student who has previously participated in interscholastic athletics to transfer one time from the first year of eligibility to the first and second years of eligibility; change the transfer options permissible under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act, to conform to federal and state law; and eliminate the prohibition against practicing if a student is ineligible under the passing work rule. Gary Cimaglia from DIAA and Laura Makransky, DIAA’s DAG, were present to respond to questions. The Board will be asked to take action on these proposed amendments at its May meeting.

It was noted that there were also regulations for the Board’s information that only require approval by the Secretary of Education.

Office of Early Learning

Kimberly Krzanowski, Director of Office of Early Learning and Caitlin Gleason presented the mission and programs offered through the Office of Early Learning. The Board received information on the Stars for Early Success, Early Head Start Child Care and the Early Childhood Assistance Program as well as a few other programs. The Office of Early Learning focuses on a healthy start for all children and high quality early learning programs with a highly skilled and supported workforce. The Office also engages families and communities and works

collaboratively with other State agencies. Ms. Krzanowski was also happy to announce that the State just received a \$7.5 million grant over five years for infant and toddler programs in Kent and Sussex County.

ESSA Update

The Board received an ESSA update from Secretary Bunting. The Department has submitted its plan. The U.S. Department of Education has 120 days to respond and comment. Ms. Johnson noted that the recommendations from the State Board were considered, namely the comments concerning indicator weight and academic progress.

Charter Schools

Denise Stouffer presented the Charter items to the State Board. Five schools are up for renewal for 2017-2018: Antonio Academia Alonso, Early College High School, First State Montessori, Edison and Sussex Academy. It was also noted that two schools, Delaware Design Lab and Delaware Academy of Public Safety and Security, both were below the recommended 80% enrollment on April 1st.

Appeals and Reviews

Deputy Attorney General Valerie Dunkle provided the State Board with an update on the appeals.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Heffernan to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Coverdale and carried unanimously by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted;

Susan S. Bunting, Ed.D.
Executive Secretary and
Secretary of Education